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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FBIS HAS RAISED SECURITY OF TV TAPING OPERATION IN LIGHT OF RECENT SOVIET CHARGES OF ELECTRONIC ESPIONAGE. WE UNDERSTAND INITIATIVE COMES FROM MOSCOW CONTRACTOR, WHO IN RECENT LONDON TRAINING SESSION VOICED CONCERN OVER DOING TAPING IN HER APARTMENT OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND SUGGESTED THAT OPERATION BE MOVED INSIDE CHANCERY. CAN YOU THROW LIGHT ON THIS, AND ADVISE US OF SITUATION? WE HAVE GIVEN FBIS INTERIM RESPONSE THAT WE WILL REVIEW SITUATION, BUT THAT TIGHT HOUSING SITUATION COULD MAKE ANY SHIFT INTO CHANCERY VERY DIFFICULT.

2. FOR GROSS FROM WILLEMS: UNLESS WE RECEIVE A CONTRARY RECOMMENDATION FROM YOU, WE WILL SEND A FRONT CHANNEL CABLE AGREEING TO START THE ACCELERATED TCP PROCESSING AUGUST 1
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AND HAVE A TEN-CASE TRIAL PROGRAM PER INS ROME'S REQUEST (ROME 12499). IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US ON THIS END IF YOU WOULD BE SURE TO INCLUDE SOME HIAS CASES AMONG THE TEN.

3. RE MOSCOW 16036, PARA 1, WE ALERTED SY TO LIKELY INCREASED THREAT TO SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS HERE WHEN WE HAD FIRST INDICATION (JULY 6) THAT TRIAL WAS UPCOMING. SY

SENT CIRCULAR ALERT TO ALL CONCERNED BEFORE THE WEEKEND,
AND THIS WAS REEMPHASIZED TODAY AT OUR REQUEST FOLLOWING
INTOURIST INCIDENT.

4. LES GELB WELCOMES DICK MILES PARTICIPATION IN HELSINKI
CAT TALKS. DICK'S NAME WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF
OVERALL DELEGATION MEMBERS. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT GARY
MATTHEWS CAN LOOK INTO ESPECIALLY ON ANYONE'S BEHALF IN
ORDER TO PASS ON TO DICK IN HELSINKI?

5. WE NOTED IN THE TASS WIRE THAT FILATOV'S LAWYER IS L.
POPOV. WE WONDER IF HE IS THE SAME AS LEONID MAKSIMOVICH
POPOV, CRAWFORD'S LAWYER (MOSCOW 15292).

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